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INCENTIVES ON NATURAL RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to improve the consumption of Natural Rubber in the country;

(b) whether there are any incentives for value addition of Natural Rubber;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is exemption of Excise Duty on products of Natural Rubber as in the case of other agricultural products;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir. Rubber Board is implementing a scheme providing financial assistance to local bodies like Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations for encouraging rubberisation of roads using natural rubber modified bitumen. The Board is alsoundertaking research on product development to broaden the use of Natural Rubber.

(b) &(c) Rubber Board provides training and technical advice to rubbergoods manufacturers for improving the quality of rubber products and reducing the cost of production.

(d) to (f) Like most other agricultural products Natural Rubber ,balata, gutta-percha, guayule, chicle and similar natural gums in primary forms or in plates, sheets or strips attract nil rate of basic central excise duty . However, industrial products like tyres, tubes and flaps which contain natural rubber do attract central excise duty.